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SUBJECT: CIVAIR: CAPACITY CONSULTATIONS

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1. CAB HAS BEEN ACTIVELY STUDYING TWA REQUEST FOR SIXTH ALL-CARGO FREQUENCY EFFECTIVE DECEMBER 1, AND UNTIL IT HAS REACHED DECISION, EMBASSY SHOULD NOT FILE THIS ADDITION WITH GOI.

2. AS EMBASSY IS AWARE, ADDITION OF SIXTH TWA FREQUENCY WOULD RESULT IN U.S. CARGO CAPACITY AT LAST WINTER'S LEVELS GIVEN PAN AM DECISION TO REDUCT ITS CARGO FREQUENCIES FROM THREE TO TWO WEEKLY. NEVERTHELESS, VARIOUS FORECASTS OF POTENTIAL WINTER 1974-75 TRAFFIC--WHILE DIFFERING IN DEGREE--POINT TO SOME REDUCTION IN WINTER TRAFFIC OVER LAST YEAR SUGGESTING CAUTIOUS APPROACH WITH RESPECT TO COMING SEASON. CAB HAS THEREFORE REQUESTED TWA TO PROVIDE EXTENSIVE DATA TO JUSTIFY ITS REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL FREQUENCIES. IN VIEW GREAT U.S. INTEREST IN SEEING CAPA-
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CITY IN TRANSATLANTIC CONSISTENT WITH DEMAND AND PROFITABLE

AIRLINE OPERATIONS, TWA CASE WILL HAVE TO BE CONVINCING.

3. IN MEANTIME EMBASSY MIGHT REITERATE TO ITALIANS THE TENTATIVE AND CONTINGENT NATURE OF THE TWA CARGO FREQUENCIES BEYOND FIVE, AND ASSURE THEM THAT IN EVENT MARKET CONDITIONS CHANGE SIGNIFICANTLY CALLING IN TURN FOR FUTURE

INCREASES IN CAPACITY, USG WILL CAREFULLY REVIEW ANY PROPOSED INCREASES. OBVIOUSLY, IF FOLLOWING SUCH REVIEW GOI STILL FINDS INCREASES TROUBLESOME, USG WOULD BE PREPARED TO CONSULT. HOWEVER, GIVEN PRESENT VERY TENTATIVE NATURE OF POSSIBLE TWA INCREASES AND ABSENCE CAB APPROVAL, EMBASSY SHOULD SEEK ITALIAN AGREEMENT THAT CONSULTATION NOT APPROPRIATE AT THE MOMENT.

4. WILL ADVISE CAB DECISION WHEN MADE. KISSINGER

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